



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1107

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AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC FILING OF CAMPAIGN REPORTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-675 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2010*):

3 (a) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall (1) create a
4 [software] web-based program [or programs] for the preparation of
5 financial disclosure statements required by section 9-608, and (2)
6 prescribe the standard reporting format and specifications for other
7 software programs created by vendors for such purpose. No software
8 program created by a vendor may be used for the electronic
9 submission of such financial disclosure statements, until the
10 commission determines that the program provides for the standard
11 reporting format, and complies with the specifications, which are
12 prescribed under subdivision (2) of this subsection for vendor software
13 programs. The commission shall provide training in the use of the
14 [software] web-based program [or programs] created by the
15 commission.

16 (b) [The] On and after April 1, 2010, (1) the campaign treasurer of
17 [the candidate committee for each candidate for nomination or election
18 to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General,
19 State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State] the

20 candidate committee for each candidate for nomination or election to
21 the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State
22 Comptroller, State Treasurer, Secretary of the State, state senator or
23 state representative or judge of probate or an exploratory committee
24 who raises or spends [two hundred fifty] five thousand dollars or
25 more during a primary or an election campaign; (2) the campaign
26 treasurer of any state central committee, legislative caucus committee
27 or legislative leadership committee; (3) the campaign treasurer of any
28 town committee or any other political committee registered with the
29 commission, that (A) has a balance on hand of five thousand dollars or
30 more as of the last day of the month preceding the statement required
31 to be filed in the month of April, or (B) raised or spent five thousand
32 dollars or more in the preceding regular state election; and (4) any
33 individual, or the campaign treasurer of any committee, that makes or
34 obligates to make an independent expenditure or expenditures and
35 that is required to file a report of such independent expenditure or
36 expenditures in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2) of
37 subsection (e) of section 9-612 shall file in electronic form all financial
38 disclosure statements required by section 9-608 by [either transmitting
39 disks, tapes or other electronic storage media containing the contents
40 of such statements to the State Elections Enforcement Commission or]
41 transmitting the statements on-line to [said] the commission. Each such
42 campaign treasurer or individual shall use either [(1) a software] (A)
43 the web-based program created by the commission under subdivision
44 (1) of subsection (a) of this section, for all such statements, or [(2)] (B)
45 another software program which provides for the standard reporting
46 format, and complies with the specifications, which are prescribed by
47 the commission under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section,
48 for all such statements. The commission shall accept any statement that
49 uses such web-based program or any such software program. [Once
50 any such candidate committee has raised or spent two hundred fifty
51 thousand dollars or more during an election campaign, all previously
52 filed statements required by said section 9-608, which were not filed in
53 electronic form shall be refiled in such form, using such a software
54 program, not later than the date on which the campaign treasurer of

55 the committee is required to file the next regular statement under said
56 section 9-608.]

57 (c) (1) The campaign treasurer of the candidate committee for any
58 other candidate, as defined in section 9-601, who is required to file the
59 financial disclosure statements required by section 9-608 with the
60 commission but who has not reached the five-thousand-dollar
61 threshold of contributions or expenditures set forth in subdivision (1)
62 of subsection (b) of this section, and (2) the campaign treasurer of any
63 political committee or [party] town committee that does not have a
64 balance on hand of five thousand dollars or more as of the last day of
65 the month preceding the statement required to be filed in the month of
66 April under section 9-608, may file in electronic form any financial
67 disclosure statements required by said section 9-608. [Such filings may
68 be made by either transmitting disks, tapes or other electronic storage
69 media containing the contents of such statements to the proper
70 authority under section 9-603 or transmitting the statements on-line to
71 such proper authority. Each such] The campaign treasurer shall use
72 either (A) [a software] the web-based program created by the
73 commission under subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, for
74 all such statements filed in electronic form with the commission, or (B)
75 [another] a software program which provides for the standard
76 reporting format, and complies with the specifications, which are
77 prescribed by the commission under subdivision (2) of subsection (a)
78 of this section, for all such statements filed in electronic form [. The
79 proper authority under section 9-603 shall accept any statement that
80 uses any such software program] with the commission.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	January 1, 2010	9-675
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Provisions of the first sentence of section 1(b) were reorganized and rephrased for statutory consistency, and references to subdivision (1) of subsection (b) and "town committee" in the first sentence of section

1(c) were changed for accuracy. In subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 1, "or an exploratory committee" was moved to the end of the new language for clarity and consistency.

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*